

LAKE UTAH.

The American Gennesaret, connected with the Dead Sea by an American Jordan.

Some Days of Exploration and Adventure on Its Placid Waters.

Indian Inhabitants Driven Away by the Encroachments of Civilization and Fire-Water.

A Gigantic Fish-Story, Owing its Origin to the Scriptural Tale of Jonah's Whale.

Social Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.

Letters from J. B. Angel, President.

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FINANCIAL.

The Chicago loan market was undisturbed by the failure of Duncan, Sherman & Co., which was announced early in the day in New York, and made a flutter in Wall street. The proportion of Western business done with Duncan, Sherman & Co. was almost nil. Out of the 300 firms in New York, only 100 had dealings with the firm, the total of all the dealings in the West with the firm, beyond those of the members of the firm, was very small. There were small private concerns in the interior of the State. The proportion in the case of the correspondents of other banks in this city was even less. There has been an occasional small amount of business with Duncan, Sherman & Co., but the total of all the dealings in the West with the firm, beyond those of the members who hold their letters of credit and those of a nominal character, will amount to but a few thousand dollars. The house has been financial agent for the City of Chicago, and the proportion of business done with the firm, beyond those of the members of the firm, has been \$20,000 to \$30,000 to Chicago, was negotiated in 1869. The house was a favorite agency for the payment of interest by Western municipalities on their bonds and other indebtedness. We understand that the City of Chicago has no balance with them, as the last loan was negotiated by Comptroller of the Currency, and the American Exchange Nation, and the American Bank.

The failure was first announced by the Gold and Stock Telegraph Company's wire as that of "a large cotton house," and it is really in this aspect that the suspension of business is to be regarded, as to its immediate cause. There are many reasons why a cotton house should be struggling with adverse circumstances for several years, and their embarrassments began with the panic. This is the meaning of the reference in the dispatches to the stock they hold of dubious value. William Butler Duncan was the President of the New York branch of the First National Bank, and had trusty friends of New York. The firm held some of that company's stock. Like most of the New York banking houses, it had other railroad stocks that have hardly been recognizable assets since the panic. But it was a "cotton house" that it finally failed. The history of banking in New York, where the world's wealth is concentrated, is told to a commercial business to banking.

The combination is one that is opposed to all sound principles of business, and always has ended in disaster, and always will. Duncan, Sherman & Co. not only bought and sold cotton bills largely in New York, but also in New Orleans, and in cotton directly. Had they continued themselves to the former operations the recent heavy decline in cotton would not have affected them so seriously, for a margin is always reserved in drawing against cotton, just as in drawing against wheat. But in making calculations on their own account, they took like Alexander the Great, of Macedonia, through all the losses they incurred. They had a branch house in New Orleans, that confined itself to cotton, doing no banking business. In the New York office samples of cotton were displayed in the manner of the regular cotton dealers. We know one banking house that has been successful, Sherman & Co., on becoming aware of this characteristic of their business. The firm that took this step showed that their knowledge of banking was good just at the point where Duncan, Sherman & Co. were deficient. When bankers attempt to do a commercial business for themselves or others they can do it well, but not for others. No failure can be regarded as unfortunate that teach this lesson.

All the commercial and industrial interests of the country are dependent for their safety upon the discretion and ability with which bankers administer their trusts. So long as this is the case, bankers must continue to do legitimate banking, and if some persons in view of the existing state, they must be taught is by vigorous adversity.

Duncan, Sherman & Co. must have been in bad condition for some time. If their capital had not previously been impaired, they would have found no difficulty in procuring the means to cover their losses. A house that stands up to its mark, and whose majority could not give way to suddenly without undergoing wider disasters. Their associates in the New York Clearing-House would be their own protection undoubtedly, in accordance with the almost universal rule of banking. No sudden contingency of legitimate banking would have been allowed to overcome them, and bring disrupt upon the banks generally. That Mr. Duncan was unsuccessful in the efforts he announced to have made to repair his capital is conclusive evidence that the real difficulty lay back of the losses of his house. It was written with older hands.

This failure, in brief, is the consequence, long deferred, first, of the panic of '63, and, last, of illegitimate banking. There was nothing in the present condition of business to induce the public to invest in it. It is not a symptom of anything out-of-the-way, being as it is the honored house of Duncan, Sherman & Co. should be found in such a pass, it is evident that their failure belongs to the same category of banking disasters as that of B. F. Allen and the Cook County National Bank.

The following were the receipts and shipments of the leading articles of produce in this city during the twenty-four hours ending at 7 o'clock on Tuesday morning, and for the corresponding date one year ago:

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Bread, bushels, 10,750	10,750
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Cots, bushels, 1,389	20,197
Wheat, bushels, 1,200	1,200
Rye, bushels, 1,200	1,200
Potatoes, bushels, 1,200	1,200
Shingles, bushels, 3,450	1,200
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On the part of the banks are \$6.10 per cent to regular customers; good outside borrowers are in request, and are accommodated at rates as low as per cent for sixty days.

On the part of the supply of choice negotiable paper is limited. Rates are \$6.18 per cent.

New York exchange remains at par to 250 premium both ways.

There is only a moderate movement of currency to the west district.

The clearings were \$50,000.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

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It is not a symptom of anything but itself. Surprising as it is that the honored house of Duncan, Sherman & Co. should be found in such a pass, it is evident that their failure belongs to the same category of banking as the fall of E. V. Allen and the Cook County National Bank.

The local loan market continues easy. The supply of loanable funds is apparently increasing. Deposits are running up, and the applications for loans are not pressing enough to absorb the additional funds.

On the street the supply of choice negotiable paper is limited. Rates are 6-1/2 per cent.

No new issues remain, but rates at par to 5% premium remain banks for 5 to 6%.

There is only a moderate movement of currency to the wheat districts.

The clearings were \$3,200,000.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

Bond, Asked. 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PHILADELPHIA WOOL MARKET.
July 27.—Wool quiet; prices for medium and fine wools, 4c per lb.; and best Virgin, XX and above, 4c; medium, 3c; coarse, 4c; Michigan, Indiana, and Western, 4c; Boston, 4c; coarse, 4c; 4c; combining, unashed, 4c; fine unashed, 3c; coarse and medium unashed, 3c; fine unashed, 3c; extra and medium, 3c; and wiper pulled, 4c; 4c.

DRY-GOODS MARKET.
July 27.—There was a moderate movement and general quiet. Prints and standard and 4-year books, sheetings requested. Bleached shirts were demanded and Prints of the same flannels were doing well. Shirts and cardigan jackets were in moderate numbers not so quick. Wool flannel.

BURG OIL MARKET.
July 27.—Petroleum quiet; crude, 10c; refined, 12c; Philadelphia de-

PROCURE MARKETS,
July 27.—*Chicago Tribune.*

27.—**GRANDEUR.**—Wheat irregular and at 3c lower, and closing with about 20 cents decline from the closing.

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LAKE FREIGHTS.

CHICAGO.

There was a fair inquiry for vessels at irregular but stronger rates. Engagements were made for corn at 16c; and for wheat at 15c to 16c to Buffalo.

The following vessels were engaged: To Buffalo—Schrs M. Egan, G. H. Harrington, J. D. Alfred, Paragon, F. C. Jones, G. N. Clark, Buckeye, King, and Young, wheat at 15c; prop. Nebraska, port car-

go wheat and oats, and Baker State, corn through

the Great Lakes, 16c; prop. Ohio, 15c; corn at 15c to 16c for Canada in bond and very active; oats, 10,000 bushels, no late, the first of the season, at \$1.20 per bushel; wheat, 10,000 bushels, at \$1.20 per bushel; corn, 10,000 bushels, at 15c to 16c for mod-

erately demand; 16c for steam Western, 15c;

16c for sail; 12c; 15c to 16c.

Oats heavy and decidedly lower; 12c to 15c for mixed Western, and 16c

for sail.

29.—**Flour.**—Market dull and in

chips, 15c bushels; superfine State

16c; common to good extra, 15c;

white wheat ex-
tra, 15c; 16c to 17c.

30.—**Wheat.**—Wheat quiet and un-
changed.

31.—**Flour.**—Crude, 15c; crude, 15c;

16c; fine, 16c; 17c; 18c.

32.—**Wheat.**—Wheat quiet and un-
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THE CITY.

GENERAL NEWS.

Iddore Springer, the boy who was accused of shooting a man named Jacob Lewis, was discharged by Justice Scully last Saturday.

The temperature yesterday, as observed by Banus, optician, No. 88 Madison street (Tunne Building), was at 8 a. m., 71 degrees; 10 a. m., 66; 12 m., 69; 3 p. m., 68; 8 p. m., 65.

The Mechanics' Institute Association were to hold a meeting at the rooms of the Athenaeum last evening, but owing to the heavy rain, failed to obtain a quorum. Another effort at meeting will be made next Saturday evening.

A horse attached to a buggy, ran away on Washington street, near Clinton, last evening, and threw out the occupant, Joseph Dennis, of No. 255 Blue Island avenue, and his wife and child. Beyond some severe cuts and bruises no serious injury resulted.

The policeman who was taken to the Government pier at 5 o'clock yesterday morning, for pasciall pasture, and left there all day in the heavy rain-storm, while the breakers lashed over them hung on to the sixty or seventy two-inch perch they caught east of the morning, was sent on duty last evening.

The members of Astor Lodge No. 308 A. & M., with invited guests, spent last evening very pleasantly at their hall on Monroe street. The installation of officers for the ensuing term was made, and a large number of Masons and their families and the programs of music, speaking, and other exercises, heretofore given, was carried out successfully and enjoyably.

The friends of the late M. de Ballo, who was known to the city as "the Frenchman," were yesterday pleased to hear that his widow and children had failed to help to a fortune and title in France. The story was made more dramatic by the fact that the old chateau had been held a pawn and a bootblack in this city. It is to be hoped that the fortune and title—especially the former—may not prove merely sensational.

Mr. William B. Darling, a prominent figure of this city, who was born in Newmarket, England, and has always remained the recipient of a curious and costly present. It is a gold match-safe in the shape of the bottom of a "horse's" hoof. The "frog" is represented by a broad gold band which is attached to a portion of the rim of the real thing. Its value is about \$150. It was brought to this country from England by Morton Martin, by whom it was presented to Mr. Darling. It is an appropriate matchsafe for a man of the tour.

The friends of Philip Wadsworth, late Collector of Internal Revenue in this city, gave him a "surprise" at the Palmer last night. They mustered to the number of forty in the room, and after a short time adjourned in conversation, reported to Mr. Wade-

worth's room, where they received a hearty welcome. The customary amenities followed, and quite a pleasant social evening was spent. Among the guests were Gen. McArthur, Senator Moreau, Charles H. Ham, Dan Shepard, Clark Lipe, E. Patton, John Miller, C. Hubbard, C. S. Smith, J. H. Gurney, and Frank D. Wadsworth. Mr. Wadsworth went into office he gave a dinner to these same gentlemen, and they yesterday returned the compliment. The report in an evening newspaper that the distillers intended to sue him was denied by Mr. W. by a testimonial given to him.

Two men riding back in an open car yesterday furnished great amusement to the other passengers. Said the tail end: "I wish you'd keep me in mind when you're buying my next coat, and a man like me." Didn't I tell you to keep your mudgy rag outer old head?" Then the conflict blazed out: "Don't you talkin' to 'bout ribbons? I'm not buyin' no ribbons, I'm buyin' bows, or I'll smatch it offen your old head!"

Then the wind changed, and the stout woman took up the refrain, "Who you talkin' to 'bout ribbons? I'm not buyin' no ribbons, I'm buyin' bows, or I'll smatch it offen your old head!"

Then the conflict blazed out again: "I don't care if you talkin' to 'bout ribbons, I'm not buyin' no ribbons, I'm buyin' bows, or I'll smatch it offen your old head!"

The Hon. Jesse O. Norton, whose illness has been so greatly regretted by his friends and acquaintances, is reported by his physician as in much better condition than when he was last seen. His disease is gastric fever. At 4 o'clock yesterday the medical attendant said that there was still a show of hope for the sick man, but that the cold condition, notwithstanding his improved condition, was rather serious. His temperature was 100° F. when he was last seen. He is now 102° F. and a moment ago said, "I don't feel well."

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